

**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 18, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1 - 6 have been cancelled by Applicant. New claims 7-26 have been added.

**IDS**

Applicant would like to note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on December 10, 2004 for the Examiner's consideration.

***Specification***

Amendments to the Specification have been made and are shown above. The amendments were made to correct minor typographical errors and omissions. No new matter was added.

***Claims******Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Kin, et al.* (JP 2003-136896). Claims 1-3 and 6 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kin, et al.* (JP 2003-136896) in view of *Koreska* (U.S. 6,321,816). Claims 1-6 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

**New Claims**

New claims 7-26 are added to better define aspects of the invention, no new matter was added. Regarding claim 7, *Kin, et al.* and/or *Koreska* do not teach, show, or suggest the film transfer sets are disposed so as to overlap each other in a direction substantially perpendicular to an imaginary line joining the opposite ends of the main body together, in a manner that the rotational transmitting mechanisms of said overlapped film transfer sets are arranged outside and the delivery sections and the windup sections of said overlapped film transfer sets are arranged inside as disclosed in claim 7 and claim 8 which depends therefrom. Therefore, Applicant believes new claim 7 and dependant claim 8 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the same.

Regarding claim 9, *Kin, et al.* and/or *Koreska* do not teach, show, or suggest a main body containing the plurality of film transfer sets, wherein the transfer heads of the film transfer sets are arranged at respective ends of the main body, and the plurality of film transfer sets are disposed so as to overlap each other in a direction substantially perpendicular to an imaginary line joining the opposite ends of the main body together, in a manner that the delivery section of one of said overlapped film transfer sets and the windup section of the other of said overlapped film transfer sets overlap each other, and the windup section of the one of said overlapped film transfer sets and the delivery section of the other of said overlapped film transfer sets overlap each other as disclosed in claim 9 and claim 10 which depends therefrom. Therefore, Applicant believes new claim 9 and dependant claim 10 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the same.

Regarding new claim 11, *Kin, et al.* and/or *Koreska* do not teach, show, or suggest a case housing two or more transfer sets, each transfer set comprising a delivery reel mounted in the transfer set for delivering a film on a transfer tape to a transfer head and a wind up reel mounted independently from the delivery reel in the transfer set, the wind up reel obtains the transfer tape after delivery of the film, wherein the delivery reel and the wind up reel are connectable by a rotation transmitting

member. Therefore, Applicant believes new claim 11 and dependant claims 12-22 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the same.

Regarding new claim 23, *Kin, et al.* and/or *Koreska* do not teach, show or suggest a method for transferring a film to a surface comprising winding the transfer tape, without the film, onto a wind up reel which is independently mounted apart from the delivery reel, wherein said wind up reel is wound by a rotation transmitting member attached to both the delivery reel and the wind up reel. Therefore, Applicant believes new claim 23 and dependant claims 24-26 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the same.

### ***Conclusion***

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

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